

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takada et al.

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**Preliminary Amendment in the Revised Format of the Pre-OG Notice Dated  
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Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments into the above-reference application prior to examination. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the format approved in the pre-OG Notice dated January 31, 2003, entitled, "Amendments In A Revised Format Now Permitted," and in the following format:

(A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;

(B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:

- in ascending order;

- with status identifiers; and

- with markings in the currently amended claims;

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;

(D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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***Amendments to the Claims***

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).